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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed Japanese reference is also enclosed.

REMARKS

The Hirose, et al. article and the Endo, et al. article are cited at page 1 of the specification; the JP '754 reference is cited at page 3 of the specification; each of these references is believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. English translations of the Japanese patent

document and articles are not readily available to Applicants' attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. In this regard, U.S. Patent No. 6,335,754 is listed as being in the same patent family as the JP '754 reference. An English abstract obtained from a commercial database for the Japanese patent document, and an English abstract at page 1 of the Hirose, et al. article, also are enclosed as English language statements of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

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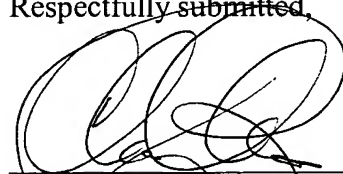
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
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		Endo, et al., "Building Image-Based Cybercities by Using Vehicle-Mounted Cameras", Human Interface News and Report, Vol. 12, No. 2, pp. 157-162 (1997).					
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